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Subject: Department of the Interior Response to the Trinity Management Council (TMC)
Recommendation for the 2023 Trinity River Flow Schedule

Dear Ms. Sommer:

This is in response to your letter of December 9, 2022, in which you formally transmitted the 2023 Fishery Restoration Flow Schedule recommended by the TMC. As the Secretary of Interior's designated representatives for the Trinity River Restoration Program, we are informing you of our concurrence with the TMC's recommendation to implement the proposed 2023 flow management regime using the Winter Flow Variability Project ruleset, to be implemented no sooner than February 14, 2023. We understand that there will be a subsequent hydrograph developed to best utilize the remaining volume based on the April 1 water year projection as established in the 2000 Record of Decision.

Please extend our appreciation to the TMC members, their technical staff, and your staff for their analyses and recommendations.

Sincerely,

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